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1. Dr. Stanislaw Gal, chief of the Polish commercial mission which departed from Buenos Aires 17 December 1948 after concluding a trade treaty with Argentina (cf. [REDACTED], has stated that the treaty can be fulfilled for the most part if the problem of transporting coal to Argentina can be solved. 25X1A2g 25X1A6a
Comment. As reported in [REDACTED] Poland does not own enough ships to handle the transportation and will not use British ships because of exorbitant insurance rates.) Using her own bottoms, Poland could not transport more than 100,000 tons of coal a year to Argentina, whereas the treaty calls for Argentine purchases of 750,000 tons of coal for the year 1949. The question of transportation will have to be solved jointly, but the burden will rest on Argentina. However, Wincenty Bartosiak, who served as a member of the mission, will upon his arrival in Europe attempt to find Swedish, Greek, or other vessels willing to risk the transportation of coal without insurance by Lloyd's.
2. Poland is taking immediate advantage of the 5,000,000-dollar credit accorded by the Argentine Central Bank and has authorized the local Polish firm, RECOMIN, to buy hides, quebracho extract, lard, oils, and wool in that amount from the Argentine Government's purchasing agency, IAPI. RECOMIN has already used 2,700,000 dollars of that credit.
3. The Polish mission's negotiations with Compania Argentina de Electricidad (CADE) for the sale of 200,000 tons of Polish coal to that company (cf. [REDACTED]) have completely collapsed. 25X1A2g
4. Although the treaty providing for the sale of Polish coal has been completed, the actual contract with IAPI regarding the delivery of the merchandise has not yet been signed. In the event that this contract is signed, a small special mission may be established in Argentina to supervise the fulfillment of the contract. Gustav Potworowski, who served as the coal expert of the mission, would like to head this office.
5. Other members of the mission who also desire to return to Argentina in official capacities are Gal and Janusz Burakiewicz, both of whom would like to serve in the Polish Legation in Buenos Aires. Wacław Konderski hopes to return to Argentina in March 1948 in order to attempt once again a settlement of the controversy over the stock of the Polish Bank. Konderski was unable to settle this problem during his stay in Buenos Aires with the mission.